

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S679–S723

Measures Introduced: Six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3649–3654, and S. Res. 512–517. **Pages S706–07**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Beat China by Harnessing Important, National Airwaves for 5G Act of 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 117–79)

Report to accompany S. 140, to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts. (S. Rept. No. 117–74)

Report to accompany S. 163, to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry. (S. Rept. No. 117–75)

Report to accompany S. 381, to establish the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council. (S. Rept. No. 117–76)

Report to accompany S. 1289, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program. (S. Rept. No. 117–77)

Report to accompany S. 1894, to designate Regional Ocean Partnerships of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (S. Rept. No. 117–78) **Page S706**

Measures Passed:

National day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 438, designating October 30, 2021, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S722**

Career and Technical Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, supporting the goals and ideals of “Career and Technical Education Month”. **Page S722**

National School Counseling Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 516, designating the week of February 7

through 11, 2022, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S722**

Authorizing testimony and representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 517, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Reffitt*. **Page S722**

Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2044, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 17 East Main Street in Herington, Kansas, as the “Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building”. **Page S723**

Joseph R. Lentol Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3419, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Meserole Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Joseph R. Lentol Post Office”. **Page S723**

Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 15th Street in Boulder, Colorado, as the “Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building”. **Page S723**

John H. Lehr and Herbert M. Heilbrun Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3493 Burnet Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the “John H. Lehr and Herbert M. Heilbrun Post Office”. **Page S723**

Measures Considered:

Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6617, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. **Page S703**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 17, 2022. **Page S703**

Prior to the consideration of this bill, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S703**

Wallander Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S681–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 16, 2022; that at 11:30 a.m., the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Monday, February 14, 2022, ripen and Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Celeste Ann Wallander, and David A. Honey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, consecutively and in the order listed; and that if cloture is invoked on either of the nominations, the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur at 3:30 p.m., in the order in which cloture was invoked. **Page S723**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 46 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. EX. 55), Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S704**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S712**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—55) **Page S688**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S723.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Philip Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, and Christopher Joseph Lowman, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Peter J. Beshar, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense,

after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 781 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

PRESIDENT'S WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's Working Group on Financial Markets report on stablecoins, after receiving testimony from Jean Nellie Liang, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance.

BARRIERS TO CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting youth mental health, focusing on identifying and addressing barriers to care, after receiving testimony from Tami D. Benton, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Sharon Hoover, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore; Jodie L. Lubarsky, Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc., Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Trace Terrell, Lines for Life, La Pine, Oregon.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supporting quality workforce development opportunities and innovation to address barriers to employment, after receiving testimony from Melinda Mack, New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals, Albany; Ashli Watts, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort; Peter Beard, Greater Houston Partnership, Houston, Texas; and Nicole Sherard-Freeman, City of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, with an amendment;

S. 2042, to reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2521, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an SBIC Working Group, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and